

# A TEMPLE AND THE KING

- The Temple was symbolic of the covenant God made with Israel
- The Temple also reflected a political structure
- National and religious identity, and the king were all wrapped up together as a unit
- Joshua was a proper High Priest, but...
- Zerubbabel was a Persian civil servant, not a king



WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE RELATIONSHIP OF

# Moses and Aaron?



- For the Judeans, transitioning to a political/temple structure that has no Israelite king was uneven
- Joshua and Zerubbabel would co-govern
- Moses and Aaron had a somewhat similar kind of structure
- Judeans found themselves under a true theocracy
- By the late 300's B.C, the Synagogue would arise

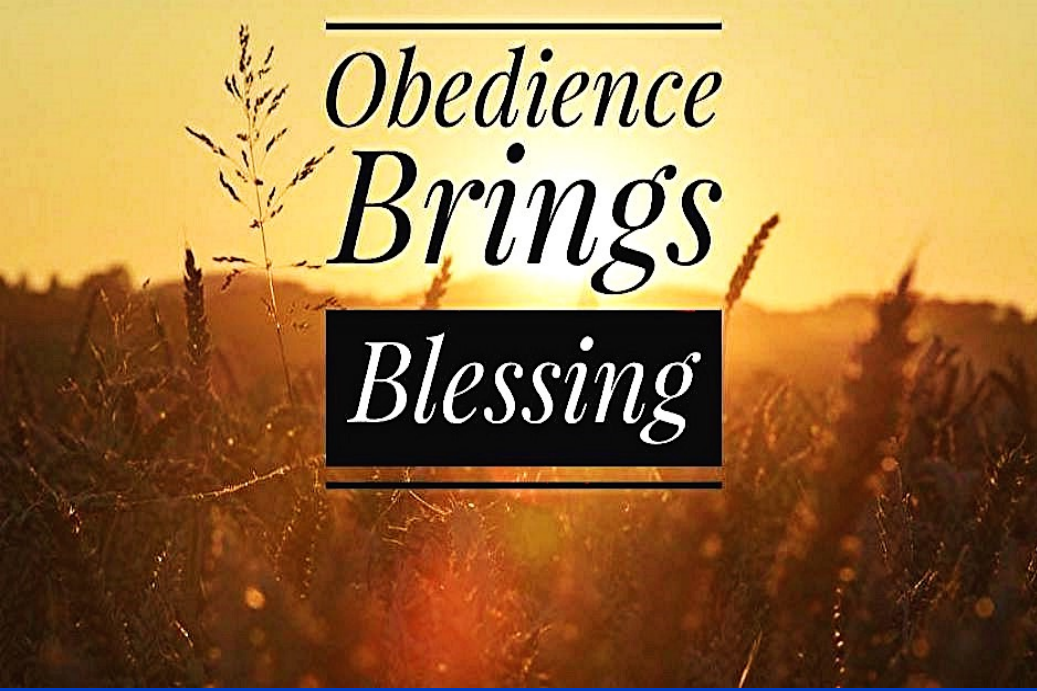
# WHEN WAS THE TORAH WRITTEN?



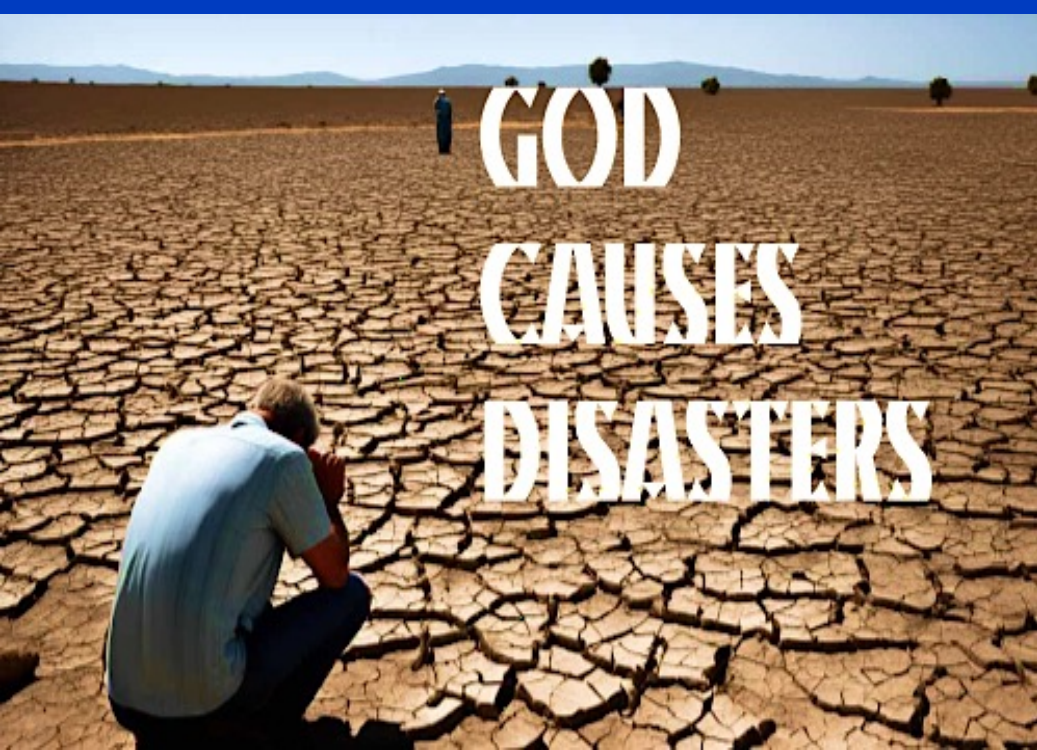
- Holiness cannot be transferred except by God; uncleanness could be transmitted a number of ways
- Some modern scholars says the Torah was not written until after Babylon (late 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.)
- Leviticus 10:8 – 11 tells the priests to know and teach the answers to the questions God just asked
- Self evident the priests already knew the answers



- The issue of uncleanness become a metaphor for the condition of the Judeans in God's eyes
- Without the Temple, their uncleanness couldn't be solved
- Their unclean state corrupted their sacrifices making them unacceptable to God
- The cause and effect for their problems was revealed



*Obedience  
Brings  
Blessing*



**GOD  
CAUSES  
DISASTERS**

- The Prosperity Doctrine is a misuse of the blessings- for-obedience principle
- It's not about "you get as much as you give"
- Lack of obedience in one area infects other areas of your life
- Deut. 28:15 – 23
- The consequences for disobedience are called out in the Torah

# CAN THIS BE GOD'S DOING?

- The Judeans didn't return to God, because they didn't believe He would cause this harm
- Does Church and Synagogue even believe there remains a severe side to God?
- Even if we were to ask what bad behavior is the problem, since we have abandoned the Law, we have nothing to refer to find out



# THE TEMPLE FOUNDING



- God offers encouragement
- “...from this day on I will bless you”
- 24<sup>th</sup> day of the 9<sup>th</sup> month
- Foundations were only rarely destroyed because it was too difficult to do it
- Normal weather patterns would return, but it would take some harvest seasons before yields resumed



THE NATIONS WILL  
DESTROY ONE  
ANOTHER.....

- A second prophecy on 24<sup>th</sup> day, 9<sup>th</sup> month
- **Haphak** = overthrow by divine intervention
- This overthrowing will not be from cosmic forces, but rather through military action
- Did not happen in Haggai's or Yeshua's era
- Matthew 24:5 – 8, and 34 - 39



# ZERUBBABEL AS GOD'S SIGNET

- The 7<sup>th</sup> time we find Zerubbabel's name used in full
- A signet was a ring or a seal
- A person that is God's signet carries His authority
- This can only be an End Times person
- Must be a descendant of David
- Yeshua is that future king over God's Kingdom

